

Evening Telegraph

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LITERARY REVIEWS.

UNDER THE BAN (LE MAUDIN) Harper Brothers, New York.

A French tale, either through pique or change of sentiment, has decided to exhibit the shortcomings of certain sects of the Roman Church. Being within the ring, and a strong anti-Jewish, his exposure is highly interesting and piquant, not to say virulent in its nature. It is woven up with undeniable skill, and a thrilling romance wrought out of exciting materials. The appearance of the work in Parisian literary circles has caused a great sensation, and the unknown author is receiving his full share of praise, while in the religious community it has caused amendment and rage, similar to the bursting of a bomb shell after a truce has been proclaimed. Deep and loud are the Jesuitical anathemas heaped upon his devoted head. That his language is strict may be considered fortunate. The translation is excellent, and much of the anti-dissyncretism of style and language is preserved. The characters are all well delineated, and the whole plot covers a ground never before attempted by any novelist. It introduces the American reader into scenes of which he has only dared to dream, to glance and draw back shuddering. The character of Verden is derived from Luther, while Julo is a nature derived from the imagination, or rather the peculiar society which is imagination to our literal. A short chapter is devoted to a comparison between the General of the Jesuits and the Pope.

World that a few more pages had been devoted to the subject! It is new and instructive, and excites us to the working behind the scenes of the Roman Church. In all the production, the author does not utter a word against the Church; but, like Fenelon, he lay bare the weakness, folly, and crime of certain institutions of the name of religion. The work is written in a flowing, easy style, and bears evident marks of the finished education of the author. It is only another triumph to the energy of Messrs. Harper, and, as usual, will have a deservedly large sale.

THE MANSION OF LONDON. By Edward M. Shultz. T. B. Peterson & Brothers.

The work before us is emphatically a man's book. It is brilliant, light, sparkling, and exhibits the behavior of men with others of their sex. The bogs lord, the penniless rascal, and the hale Englishman, are all depicted with a masterly pen. He enters into the circle of the literati, and reveals the follies and eccentricities by which small minds attempt to procure a reputation of greatness. The review of the course of "The Teaser," a small periodical, how it struggled for existence, and labored for notoriety, is true to nature. We could name a certain small daily sheet of this city, which has worked and still does work, in order to continue to live, in all the dirty portion of journalism. "The Teaser" is its counterpart. One of the standard doctrines of the author of the "Bohemians" is expressed in a declaration that we men want more books. Nobody dare write a man's book—a novel, or a poem, or a memoir. When a fellow writes, he considers what can go into a family—what virgin sisters can read. So because our virgin sisters are idle, we get the books. Having adopted this as his principle, he presents us with a book for men, and a most interesting production has been woven out of the threads of social life. The work abounds in sarcasm and political badinage, and will have an immense circulation among the frequenters of our city clubs.

"FROM DAN TO BERSHUBA," or, The Land of Promise as it now appears. By Rev. J. P. Newman, D. D. Harper & Brothers, New York.

The subject of the condition, appearance and prospects of the Holy Land has been thoroughly written upon by numerous authors, but there is always room for a work of excellence on any subject, especially one which embraces a land as celebrated as Palestine. Dr. Newman has, by personal inspection and previous study, acquired a thorough knowledge of its present state and future prospects. The work is written in a narrative style and is full of general interest. It is interspersed with fine engravings, and contains a map which renders the work more intelligible to the reader. To our religious public it affords a most interesting description of the land which, for its missions and its historic interest, is the place, above all others, which we look upon with reverence and love. The work is written in a remarkably graphic style and gives to the reader one of the best general ideas of scriptural geography that we have seen presented in any modern work. Our religious and reading community in general will hail with joy the appearance of the work in question.

ARIZONA AND SONORA. By Sylvester Mowry. Harper & Brothers.

From the pen of a citizen of a country flows a much more intelligible account of its resources and capabilities than could be expected when a foreigner describes a land through which he has only traveled, and whose institutions and wealth have been only superficially glanced at. Mr. Mowry is one of the largest proprietors in Arizona, and has through personal experience in all the minutiae of mining operations. The work is invaluable to those who meditate investing or emigrating to these Eldorado of the west. He gives us a glance into the bygone history of this region, and shows how civilization was swept away by the Indian wars. The riches of those far-off lands are inextinguishable, and the present work is a most valuable work of reference, as well as an interesting production to the general public.

THE QUESTIONABLE READER AND SPEAKER. By Richard Culver. J. B. Lippincott & Co.

We have received from the author a copy of the above work, and would commend it to the student of elocution for careful study. It treats of the music of sentence; and any one paying the least attention to the art of public speaking knows the effect of a well-rounded period. The intonations of the voice are directed, emphatic words designated, and all the various departments of elocution thoroughly investigated. It is a most useful work.

MENTAL GEOMETRY. By Professor Holliwell. J. B. Lippincott & Co. (In Press.)

A work on this subject has been long demanded, and when we receive an advance copy, we will review it at large.

HISTOIRE DE LA MERE MICHEL ET DE SON CHAT. Par Emile de la Houliere. Librairie: F. Leypoldt.

Ce petit livre est publié pour un auxiliaire à la jeunesse américaine dans l'étude de la langue française et pour amuser les enfants. Dans cette œuvre simple, le genre de la langue française se révèle entier. A part l'extrême pureté de style qui la distingue, elle recèle d'un bout à l'autre cette verve exquise, cette fine satire, qui fait le fond de l'esprit français et qui fait sourire dans son ensemble pour être à même d'en juger.

THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL BOOK SOCIETY has recently published a number of valuable works, among which we call particular attention to their beautiful edition of "The Poets," and their finely embossed "Books of Common Prayer." We have also received a "Tiny Library for Tiny People," in four volumes, beautifully bound and abounding in fine engravings. For the little folks they will prove a delightful recreation, and much information is conveyed under a pleasant form. Their collection of Sunday School Books is also varied and interesting.

HOLIDAY BOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS.

No Book House in the world has the fine assortment of Holiday Books that T. B. Peterson & Brothers, No. 305 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia now have on hand. The collection is rich, varied, choice, and many are very costly, and others so splendidly bound, that they need must be seen to be appreciated.

Mrs. Wood's novels, the most pleasing in the language; Miss Frederica Bremer, the accomplished delineator of the domestic scenes of life; Mrs. Southworth, the American authoress; Mrs. Stephens, Mrs. Caroline Lee Hentz, Miss Braden, Dumas, Reynolds, Almond, Scott, Morris, Pickering, Grey, Arthur, Jones, Maxwell, Annals, Dickens, all contributing towards this department of literature, and their works swell up the shelves, presenting to the eye a scene of seeming magical illusion.

And here it would not be inappropriate to mention that Messrs. T. B. Peterson & Bros., Philadelphia, Pa., publish Dickens' complete illustrated works in twenty-four different editions, bound in every conceivable style, from the plain paper cover volume to the gorgeous full bound calf volume. What more suitable "Holiday Treasures" could be given to any one than a set of this author's writings? We answer, none.

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We may add that, in addition to their holiday books, Messrs. Peterson have a splendid assortment of photograph albums, of all styles, from the most moderate up to those capable of containing portraits of every prominent general in the National Army.

Translated for the Evening Telegraph.

ELECTRIC MARRIAGE.

The telegraph between Paris and Havre lately outlived a marriage worthy of this fast age.

Lover—"Saw your daughter last night. Party. What society?"

Father—"Fifty thousand francs."

Lover—"Not enough."

Father—"How much?"

Lover—"Hundred thousand."

Father—"Can't come it."

Lover—"Sorry; love her; rich; say eighty thousand."

Father—"All right."

Lover—"Offer heart and hand."

Father—"Accepted."

Lover—"Leave by 2 40 train."

Father—"Ordered wedding dress."

Lover—"Eternal love to daughter."

Father—"Of course."

Alexandre Dumas published some time ago in a daily Paris paper, a novel in which the heroine, prosperous and happy, is assailed by consumption. All the gradual symptoms were most touchingly described, and the greatest interest was felt for the heroine.

One day the Marquis de Dalomieu called on him. "Dumas," said he, "have you composed the end of the story now publishing in the—"

"Of course."

"Does the heroine die at the end?"

"Of course, dies of consumption. After such symptoms as I have described, how could she live?"

"You will have to make her live. You must change the catastrophe."

"I cannot."

"Yes, you must; for on your heroine's life depends my daughter's."

"Your daughter's?"

"Yes; she has all the various symptoms of consumption you have described, and watches morbidly for every number of your novel, reading her own fate in your heroine's. Now, if you make your heroine live, my daughter, whose imagination has been deeply impressed, will live too. Come, a life to save is a temptation."

Dumas changed his last chapters. His heroine recovered, and was happy.

About five years afterwards Dumas met the Marquis at a party.

"Ah! Dumas," he exclaimed, "let me introduce you to my daughter; she owes her life to you. There she is."

"That fine, handsome woman, who looks like Jeanne d'Arc?"

"Yes. She is married, and has had four children."

"And my novel four editions," said Dumas; "so we are quits."

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